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Date: 7/8/00 9:12am
Subject: LYNNWOOD UTILITY

PLEASE RECONSIDER YOUR PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE RATE INCREASE FOR LYNNWOOD UTILITY. CURRENTLY I AM SERVING AS PRESIDENT TO COTTONWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE VARIOUS DEVELOPERS AND OWNERS OF LYNNWOOD UTILITY AND THE SURROUNDING DEVELOPMENTS. WE AS A BOARD HAVE TRIED TO WORK WITH ALL PARTIES INVOLVED ON A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL BASIS. WE FULLY EXPECTED OUR RATES TO INCREASE. HOWEVER, TO GO FROM PAYING \$14.25 PER MONTH TO OVER \$70 IS EXTREME. OUR SEWER BILL IS NOW HIGHER THAN OUR WATER BILL. PLEASE CONSIDER EITHER LOWERING THE RATE OR PERHAPS USING THE WINTER MONTHS AVERAGE USAGE AS A BASE FOR THE MONTHLY CHARGE. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THIS AND FOR SERVING ON THIS REGULATORY AGENCY.

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Date: 7/8/00 12:21am
Subject: TRA-Lynwood Utility Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Malone,

I am writing this brief memo to express my concern over the extremely excessive rate 300-400% rate increase of Lynwood Utility. I am sure my concern is shared by the several hundred fellow Cottonwood residents. We have been residents in Cottonwood since 3/95 and fully understand that customary rate increases must be made to offset the rising cost of operations/maintenance. However, the actions of Lynwood Utility (Dave Terry) warrant further investigation and review by you and your colleagues at TRA. To pay 70% higher for sewer service as compared to other sewer services in our area definitely seems out of line.

We appreciate your consideration and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Date: 7/8/00 4:55pm
Subject: Lynwood Rate Increase

Ladies and gentlemen,

Residents of Cottonwood have been encouraged by the Cottonwood Homeowners Association (CHOA) to contact you regarding the recent exorbitant sewer rate increase approved in May by the TRA. No encouragement is needed, only direction about with whom to voice our collective and individual displeasure and concern.

When first informed by David Terry et al, new owners of Lynwood Utility District, I could not believe that the rate increase was justifiable or fair or that it had been approved by the TRA! Was the TRA aware that Mr.. Terry misrepresented his plans to the CHOA not to raise rates or in any way adversely affect Cottonwood Homeowners by his expansion needs for Legends Ridge and River Landings? Weren't the new developments supposed to pay for required improvements to the system? Pity the day we believe a developer's claim that our interests will not be sacrificed for his profitability.

How can 300-400% increases in monthly charges at a rate 70% higher than services in the surrounding area? What is a reasonable cost of services and how does the TRA track Lynwood's financials to insure compliance with claims and projections? Were the claims even accurate? It is our understanding that Lynwood's revenue projections were grossly understated by not accounting for income generated by additional households utilizing the system.

I urge the TRA to re-examine Mr.. Terry's request and require him to replace it with a fair and equitable sewer rate based on reality. Although unable to attend the Petition for Reconsideration meeting on July 11, I await the outcome with great interest.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Lynwood Utility

Dear Mr. Malone:

I am a Cottonwood homeowner of 20 years who lives directly in front of the Lynwood Utility Plant. I, of all people appreciate the improvements that have been made to the Lynwood facility. I realize that these improvements cost money and I am not against paying for the improvements that are in line with the original plant improvements. I really think that I should not have to finance the additional construction that was need to facilitate other neighborhoods.

I was told directly by Dave Terry that the financing of these additions would be paid for by hook-up fees from the new development. If this was the case, I question the need for such a large rate increase.

During the summer months, while watering my gardens, not my grass, I use much more water that never passes through the sewage plant. I realize that most sewage is based on the water usage, but most sewage treatment in our area is considerably less expensive.

I would greatly appreciate the Tennessee Regulatory Authority review this rate increase and consider a rate averaging during the summer months. Again, why should the Old Customers have to absorb costs that the New Customers caused.

Sincerely,

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